

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's Action mailed on December 1, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

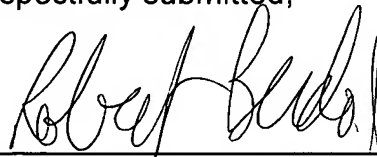
In this Amendment, Applicants have amended the dependencies of claims 3 and 7. Further, claims 8, 13, 14, and 15 have been canceled. Claim 9 is the independent claim, and claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Initially, it is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers claims 9-11, 16 and 17 as being allowed. As such, because this Amendment amends dependent claims 3 and 4 to depend from allowed claim 9, and cancels all of the remaining rejected claims, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot, and this Application has therefore been placed into condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and is requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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